

## Cattle and Calves

Arizona's inventory of cattle and calves on January 1, 2008 was estimated at 970,000 head, up 30,000 head from the previous year. The 2007 calf crop of 275,000 was down 5,000 head from 2006. The value of cattle and calves on January 1 was \$1,086 million, up 14 percent.

Monthly all beef cattle prices varied by \$11.10 per hundredweight during 2007, from a low of \$73.50 in November to a high of \$84.60 in May. The marketing year average price for beef cattle decreased \$8.40 per hundredweight from a year ago to \$79.90. The annual average steer and heifer price decreased \$7.90 to \$96.10 per hundredweight and the annual average calf price decreased \$9.00 to \$116.00 per hundredweight. The annual average price for cows increased \$3.10 per hundredweight to \$48.50.

Cattle and calf marketings were up 1 percent to 823 million pounds but the gross income from these marketings decreased 8 percent to \$680 million.

Arizona's feedlot operators marketed 353,000 head during 2007. Feedlot inventories ranged from 329,000 head on January 1 to 367,000 head on December 1.

Arizona's 13 livestock slaughter plants produced 406 million pounds of red meat during 2007, up 5 percent from the 2006 slaughter.

